

KINGTON RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire  
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Joint

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1961  
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(As at 31st December 1961)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Kington Rural  
District Council.

Mrs. Hope, Gentlemen,

In presenting the report for the year 1961,  
I wish to thank Mr. Chillingford for his section, and  
for the work he has done during the year.

Little of note is recorded in the statistical  
section: where large divergencies occur from the  
England and Wales figures, they are due to the smallness  
of the figures involved.

A number of houses were built at Hergest  
to replace the hutments there, but so far no houses  
have been built to replace decrepit and crumbling old  
houses elsewhere. Experience in other districts shows  
that there are a great number of properties scattered  
throughout rural areas which are quite unfit for  
habitation and, of course, this district is not in any  
way different. It is common to find that this  
problem is tied up with the housing of old people,  
as such tend to be found in unsatisfactory houses.

I think that the Council should consider  
the possibility of a grouped housing scheme for old  
people within the County Council's scheme.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	44,472
Estimated mid-year home population .. .. .	4,440
Average number of persons per acre .. .. .	.10
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	1,444
Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. .. .	.05
Average number of persons per house .. .. .	3.1
Rateable Value .. .. .	£26,871
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£97.8.3d.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	44	26	70
Illegitimate ..	1	-	1
	<u>45</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>71</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.15	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington R.D. (Crude) ..	16.0	14.4	13.0	15.3	13.6
" " (Adjusted) ..	18.4	16.6	14.9	17.6	15.7
England and Wales ..	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4	16.1

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Kington R.D. .. ..	1.4
England and Wales ..	5.9

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	1	3	4
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington R.D. ..	53.3	14.5	31.2	Nil	29.8
England and Wales ..	19.1	19.8	21.0	21.6	22.4

Total Live and Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	45	29	74
Illegitimate ..	1	-	1
	<u>46</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>75</u>



INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	-	1	1
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D. ..	14.1
England and Wales ..	figure not yet available

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	-	1	1
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D. ..	14.1
England and Wales ..	15.5

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	1	4	5
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D. ..	66.7
England and Wales ..	32.2

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ..	-	1	1
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington R.D.	(Total	14.1	29.4	Nil	13.6	15.4
	(Legitimate	14.3	31.9	Nil	14.4	16.1
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	21.4	21.9	22.2	22.5	23.1
	(Legitimate	21.2	21.5	21.9	22.3	22.8
	(Illegitimate	25.3	26.4	27.4	27.8	30.0

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D. .. Nil  
England and Wales .. .33

### DEATHS

			Males	Females	Total	
Total deaths from all causes:			26	22	48	
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:						
Comparability factor: 0.88						
		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington R.D. (Crude)	..	10.8	10.9	9.7	12.1	10.9
" (Adjusted)	..	9.5	9.6	8.4	10.7	9.7
England and Wales	..	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.5

### Cancer

			Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:			4	3	7
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington R.D.	..	1.58	2.10	1.05	1.89	2.72
England and Wales	..	2.15	2.16	2.14	2.12	2.09

### Cardio-Vascular Disease

			Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:			16	12	28

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated  
mid-year home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington R.D.	..	6.31	5.03	6.30	7.13	4.39
England and Wales	..	6.10	6.00	5.88	6.07	5.84

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

		Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory				
Disease:		3	2	5

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year  
home population:

		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Kington R.D.	..	1.13	1.68	1.05	0.84	1.25
England and Wales	..	1.60	1.26	1.53	1.37	1.38

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	1	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	8	13
Coronary disease, angina	5	2	7
Other heart disease	6	1	7
Other circulatory disease	-	1	1
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	1	-	1
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	3	6
Accidents, other than motor vehicle	-	1	1
TOTAL:	26	22	48

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - KINGTON R.D.

Disease	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Whooping Cough	7	11	2	16	5
Measles	180	6	75	3	9
Scarlet Fever	1	-	4	-	11
Erysipelas	-	2	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	2	4	-	2
Dysentery	-	10	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE

Whooping Cough	126	70	38	39	192
Measles	583	189	388	258	144
Scarlet Fever	11	23	46	28	71
Erysipelas	3	4	4	2	7
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	1	3	-	-	-
Post-Infectious	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	18	18	33	14	49
Dysentery	62	123	3	16	38
Food Poisoning	11	39	3	5	10
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	2	3
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	13	7	33
Non-Pulmonary	2	3	2	3	4
Acute Poliomyelitis:					
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	12
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	14

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1961

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	9	23	15	29	32	11	13	-	2	-	2	-	126
Measles	19	62	218	86	50	37	38	22	16	17	18	-	583
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	1	11
Erysipelas	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	1	5	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	18
Dysentery	-	2	17	9	17	7	1	-	5	4	-	-	62
Food Poisoning	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	11
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1



COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	3.47	0.53
Measles	16.08	16.52
Scarlet Fever	0.30	0.43
Erysipelas	0.08	0.05
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.03	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.49	0.40
Dysentery	1.71	0.44
Food Poisoning	0.30	0.17
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.17	0.01
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.42
Non-Pulmonary	0.06	0.06

\* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1960.	19	11	5	6
Moved out of district	1	-	-	-
Recovered	-	1	-	-
Died from other causes	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1961.	17	10	5	6

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1957	3	56	-	1
1958	1	48	1	6
1959	-	45	-	3
1960	-	41	-	2
1961	-	38	1	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47  
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

### WATER SUPPLIES

During the year the majority of the main-laying for the first phase of the district water scheme was completed by the Water Board, leaving the house connections still to be made.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains was as follows:-

(a) Direct to houses	- 142	(Population 571)	
(b) By means of standpipes	- 12	"	18
(c) Direct to hutments, Hergest Camp	- 8	"	37

The remainder of the district was still dependant on wells, springs and estate supplies. Serious shortages occurred in two parishes but with the co-operation of the Water Board these problems were dealt with as they arose.

Eleven samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year. Of these, six were satisfactory and five unsatisfactory. Advice as to measures to improve supplies was given where required.

### PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No notable progress was made during the year on the three new sewerage schemes. They are now before the Ministry for consideration.

In those parishes with a scattered population where the provision of main sewerage will not be possible for economic reasons, householders are taking advantage of the grants available under the Housing Acts to modernise their property and install septic tank systems of drainage.

### FLOODING

No serious flooding occurred during the year. This was notable in the parish of Eardisley, where the Wye River Board continued their flood prevention work on behalf of the Council, and which proved most satisfactory.

### REFUSE DISPOSAL

The work of refuse collection and disposal continued satisfactorily throughout the year. The quantity of household refuse collected increases year by year. Four tips are in operation, crude tipping and disposal being employed.



RODENT CONTROL

Systematic survey and treatment, parish by parish, has been carried out and rat infestation throughout the district has been kept under control. In addition to private and business property, the Council's sewers and disposal works, together with the refuse disposal tips, received routine attention.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Council house repairs .. .. .	131
Housing Acts .. .. .	143
Nuisances and complaints .. .. .	17
Building byelaws .. .. .	197
Water supplies (general) .. .. .	53
Milk and Dairies Regulations .. .. .	14
Food Premises .. .. .	196
Disinfection following infectious disease .. .. .	2
Refuse Disposal .. .. .	48
Disinfestation of verminous premises .. .. .	-
Sewerage .. .. .	93
Hergest Camp .. .. .	161
Miscellaneous .. .. .	11
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NOTICES ISSUED

Informal ..	3
Statutory ..	-
Complied with	3

HOUSING

The twentysix houses at Hergest Camp were completed and occupied, as were also the four at Staunton-on-Arrow. There remained at the end of the year nine hutments only at the Camp on lease to the Council, the remainder having been handed over to the owner of the land.

Eight houses were completed by private enterprise, and four others were under construction at the end of the year.

Fourteen applications for improvement grants towards the cost of improvements to private dwellings were received during the year. These were all approved, the amount granted being £5,081. Twentyone applications for Standard Grants were also received and approved, amounting to £2,405. The total grant for the year being £7,486. This reflects most favourably on the general trend of improvements to private dwellings which is going on throughout the district.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPSFACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	10	12	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	2	3	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding out-workers' premises)	7	11	-	-
TOTAL	19	26	-	-

Cases in which defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of cleanliness	1	1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The two slaughterhouses are still in use in the district, and this has entailed routine visits on all occasions of slaughtering, the number of animals slaughtered and inspected being as follows:

Cattle	..	161
Sheep	..	630
Pigs	..	227

The quantity of meat rejected as unfit for human consumption was relatively slight consisting of the following:

Pigs	..	4 heads
together with 47 lb. of offal		

This shows a very high quality of meat which is made available for sale in this district.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)

Twentythree visits were made to other food premises where conditions generally were satisfactory, due consideration being given to the age of the buildings concerned and the availability or otherwise of essential services.

Food Premises are summarised as follows:

General Stores	..	12
Butchers shops	..	2
Bakeries	..	2
Cafes	..	2
Public Houses	..	14

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938: 11

Food Hygiene Regulations

No prosecutions were taken under these regulations.





